

Virginia Seminarian Making Good In N.Y. With Council of Churches

Serves As Chaplain For Thousands
Of Migrants From The South



Rev. J. A. Carter

in this great work where he is receiving a lucrative salary and continue as their bonified leader is almost an unheard of thing. Truly they are contributing to the spread of the Gospel to all parts of the world. Not only that, they prove their respect and devotion to the man who has served them for many years.

Rev. James A. Carter of Lynchburg and a college graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and College is doing a wonderful job as chaplain for the thousands and thousands of people migrating from the South to the North. His territory covers Cohocton, Atlanta, Dansville, Springwater and Wayland, N. Y. The letters appearing in this article tell the story of the effectiveness of his work among those people who look to Rev. Carter for spiritual guidance.

It is interesting to note the cooperation he is receiving from the churches in Virginia where he holds pastorate. To allow their pastor to engage

New York State Council of Churches
Steuben Area Migrant Committee
Charles S. Owen, Chairman
Cohocton, N. Y.
February 23, 1956

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
Mrs. Aleese Pinn, C.C.,
Lynchburg, Va.
Dear Mrs. Pinn:

We would like to ask your church again this year to give your pastor a leave of absence for three and one half months, July 15 to October 31, 1956, to work among the migrants. The migrants come into this area in very large numbers. They are lost and bewildered like sheep without a shepherd, and your pastor has proved to be a good shepherd to them. He has shown wisdom and leadership that we all deeply appreciate. He has been popular and enjoys the esteem and respect of all the migrants themselves, the police, and officers of the law, and the church people in general.

It is very fine that your church can contribute a splendid service to this kind, beyond the limits of your own parish and state, by lending your pastor for this brief part of the year.

Your church has come to the attention of the New York State Council of Churches, and the National Council of Churches, through the splendid service which your pastor has rendered to the Migrants. I personally am very glad that your church has the privilege of having such a pastor as James A. Carter, and that you have been so generous as to lend him for a service like this.

With my prayers and good wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,
Charles S. Owen, Chairman

November 14, 1955

Mr. D. E. Moseley, Clerk
New Hope Baptist Church
Box 91, Rt. 2
Keysville, Va.

Dear Mr. Moseley and Friends of New Hope Baptist Church:
As chairman of the local migrant committee, I wish to pass on to the members of your church our deep appreciation to them for enabling Rev. James A. Carter to work in this area as migrant chaplain again this past summer.

I realize that many of the colored seasonal workers that come up here to help with the harvest are not the most earnest church people like yourselves. They are more easily led to do bad things while away from home which they would not be so likely to do back among their own people. When one of them does do something bad, it gets into the newspapers, daily talk, and the like. This results in a reflection against the whole race.

Rev. Carter has done much to raise the moral standard of the people with which he works up here and has caused many to watch their actions with greater care. Our county sheriff, Mr. C. H. Reynolds, recognizes the great service that Rev. Carter has been performing and says that he wishes that we had more chaplains like him to work with these people. Rev. Carter has not only won the respect and friendship of our sheriff but of almost everyone with whom he has come in contact, regardless of their position.

You can easily see that it is men like him that are building the bridge for true brotherhood among all mankind.

Most sincerely,

Walter C. Mehlenbacher, Chairman
Cohocton, Atlanta, Wayland Area
Migrant Committee

New Hope Baptist Church
Box 91, Rt. 2
Keysville, Va.

Mr. Walter C. Mehlenbacher
Wayland, New York
Dear Mr. Mehlenbacher:

We, the members of the New Hope Baptist Church of Prince Edward County, Virginia, wish to express our sincere appreciation to you for the many kind things you said in your letter concerning our pastor, Rev. James A. Carter, and his service in your area last summer.

We are extremely happy that he received for himself such recognition. We trust that his work will result in much good.

Again thanking you for your many kind expressions, We remain respectfully,
Rev. J. A. Carter, Pastor
D. E. Moseley, Clerk



TO RETURN TO FAM-U—Alice Williams Pittman of Miami, returned to Florida A and M University in September to resume her education. The poplar co-ed reigned as "Miss Sophomore" during the 1955-56 academic year.



FAM-U ATTENDANT—Attractive Charlotte Cail of Jacksonville, will serve as the junior class attendant to "Miss Fam-U" during the coming academic year at Florida A and M University. Miss Cail is a biology major.

ALERT TODAY
ALIVE TOMORROW



In case of enemy attack—
tune to 640 or 1240 on your
radio

Ebenezer AME Church Host To Annual Conference

As the Ebenezer A.M.E. Church approaches its annual conference to convene here in Roanoke, in November, they launch a Full Fall Program, beginning this Sunday, September 23rd. The Ushers are having their Annual Punch Hour at Mr. and Mrs. Junius Gaither's residence, 1227 Thomas Avenue, N. W., from 4 to 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., at the church, the Trustees will present "The Bethlehem Gospel Singers", five talented Gospel singers from Roanoke with Mrs. Alma Casey, pianist and Mrs. Winnie Penn, Soprano and three others.

On Sunday, September 30, Ebenezer will have its First Homecoming Day Celebration initiated by the class leaders with the pastor, Rev. M. A. Camper, preaching and baptizing during the Morning Service and at the 3 p.m. Service, the Rev. A. L. Richmond, pastor, St. Paul AME Church, Blacksburg and Principal at the Friends School, Christiansburg, will preach.

The Trustees will be in charge of the Annual Fall Rally ending with special services, Thursday, October 4th at 8 p.m. Thereafter each Sunday evening at 7 p.m., organizations will present guest participants for their special services.

YWCA Regional Conference Plans

Roanoke YWCA will be host to "Y" representatives from all points in this south-east region.

The workshop will be conducted by well trained leaders in various fields. Mrs. Margaret Hathaway, of the

World YWCA Staff, will head the leadership of the "Workshop." Others to be heard are Harrison Elliot and Mrs. Carter Wesley, members of the World Council, Misses Florence C. Harris, and Mary Jane Willett, both national

The theme of the workshop will be "What does it mean to be a Local Leader in a World YWCA."

Program schedule is as follows: Monday, September

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Dr. E. D. Downing, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, is shown presenting the check of \$193,193.37 to Mr. Robert C. Burrell, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Hospital Recieves Final Payment on Building Project

The Burrell Memorial Hospital Association announces the receipt of a check in the amount of \$193,193.37 drawn on the Commonwealth of Virginia which represents the final payment due on the Building Fund Project.

This amount concludes the 55 percent participation cost in the Hospital Project under the Hill-Burton Act.

This money, along with \$11,770.62 cash on hand, will be used to decrease the out-

standing accounts payable from the Building Project.

The English Construction Company, Picker X-ray Company and other miscellaneous accounts to \$63,897.03 will be paid in full.

The balance \$141,068.99 will be used to pay notes with interest now outstanding at the First National Exchange Bank, The Mountain Trust Bank, and The Colonial American National Bank.

A deficit of approximately

\$58,000.00 will remain after these funds have been expended and it is anticipated that a great portion of the above amount will be liquidated when additional funds are received from the Hospital Development Fund.

The public subscription to the Hospital Project has been remarkable and "payment of outstanding pledges will aid in the curtailment of loans" still outstanding at the above named banks.

Integration at a Glance

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City Delagates Against School Bill; Thurman For

Del. Nelson R. Thurman of Vinton cast his vote for the Stanley bill today and against the local option amendment last night.

Dels. Julian H. Rutherford, Jr., and Kossen Gregory of Roanoke voted "no" on the 61-37 House roll call that passed Stanley bill today. They voted in favor last night of the defeated amendment that would have given localities a chance to bring into play a pupil assignment plan in preference to the fund cutoff. The three members of the City-county delegation let it be known however, that they agree on another part of the governor's three-phase program.

This unanimity centers on the measure that will permit a locality, if its schools are closed by a built-in "emergency" resulting from integration, to call on the gov-

ernor to operate a state system of public schools in that locality.

Gregory said this measure, known as the McMurren Bill, "to some extent recognizes the principle of local option" and he intends to fight for it, "since it holds out some hope of keeping our schools open."

Gregory conceded after the House action today that "it is evident now we have lost the fight for a local option and that the governor's program in its entirety will be enacted."

Rutherford agreed that the McMurren bill along with another giving the governor exclusive pupil assignment authority "will lessen the impact of the (Stanley fund cutoff) bill upon localities and enable schools to operate." Courtesy ROANOKE TIMES.

Union County Kentucky Board Bars Negroes

Sturgis, Ky., September 18 —The Union County School Board tonight voted unanimously to bar Negroes from white schools in the county, including Sturgis High School where eight Negro students have been attending classes.

Interposition In Texas

Interposition shed the robes of theory and strode forth as muscled fact when Governor Shivers sent Texas Rangers to mob-beset Mansfield. At the time he wrote the school authorities:

"The Governor of Texas is charged under the Constitution with maintaining law and order in the State of Texas. In view of the fact that the federal court has order permitting integration of Mansfield schools until such time as your appeal to the United States Supreme Court has been heard, I respectfully request that you transfer any student who might be the cause of difficulties to adjoining districts for the reason of the protection of the general public, the maintenance of law and order and the general welfare."

TWO NEW POLIO CASES REPORTED IN VIRGINIA

Richmond, September 18 —The State Health Department today reported two additional polio cases, raising to 155 the total reported in Virginia this year.

The two victims included a 14-year-old Dinwiddie County Negro boy, stricken with bulbar polio, and a 3-year-old Amelia Negro boy, stricken

Western Va. Backs Local Assignment Plan

WARREN, STUART, CARTER, DALTON, WOLFE, LANDRETH
SUPPORT PLACEMENT PROPOSAL

Richmond, Sept. 18 — Six senators from Western Virginia today helped take up the fight for local pupil assignment option in the school segregation battle.

The six co-patroned a new student placement bill designed to give localities an escape hatch from the terms of the Stanley school fund cutoff bill which was passed 61-37 today by the House of Delegates.

All of them are members of the 17 - senator bloc regarded as adamant opponents of the Stanley fund withholding bill. They are Sens. Geo. Warren of Bristol, Harry C. Stuart of Russell County and Stuart B. Carter of Botetourt County, all Democrats, and the three Republicans, Sens. Ted Dalton of Radford, S. Floyd Landreth of Galax and Roy V. Wolfe, Jr., Scott County.

Texas Court Blocks Pro- Segregationalists

Austin, Tex., September 18 —The State Supreme Court today refused to allow a pro-segregation group from Houston, Tex., to file a suit in an attempt to stop integration of undergraduates at the University of Texas.

with paralytic polio. Neither had received any Salk vaccine.